



COVID-19 Guidance for Senior Living, Assisted Living and Other Facilities

Senior living facilities, assisted living facilities, and other facilities with populations at higher risk for COVID-19 should limit interactions with the general public as much as possible. Practical steps that these facilities can take include:

- **Practice social distancing measures:**

- Reduce large gatherings (e.g., group social events)
- Alter schedules to reduce mixing
- Limit programs with external staff and services
- Consider having residents stay in facility and limit exposure to the general community
- Limit visitors

- **Start temperature and respiratory symptom screening of attendees, staff, and visitors**

- **Implement short-term closures as needed (e.g., if cases are identified among staff, residents or clients who live elsewhere) for cleaning and contact tracing**

PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR RECOMMENDED INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PRACTICES

- **Hand hygiene supplies:**

Put alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60–95% alcohol in every resident room (ideally both inside and outside of the room) and other resident care and common areas (e.g., outside dining hall, in therapy gym). Make sure that sinks are well-stocked with soap and paper towels for handwashing

- **Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette:**

Make tissues and facemasks available for coughing people. Consider designating staff to steward

those supplies and encourage appropriate use by residents, visitors, and staff

- **Make necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available in areas where resident care is provided. Put a trash can near the exit inside the resident room to make it easy for staff to discard PPE prior to exiting the room, or before providing care for another resident in the same room. Facilities should have supplies of:**

- facemasks
- respirators (if available and the facility has a respiratory protection program with trained, medically cleared, and fit-tested HCP)
- gowns
- gloves
- eye protection (i.e., face shield or goggles)

- **Clean frequently touch surfaces with environmental cleaning and disinfectants:**

Make sure that EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectants are available to allow for frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces and shared resident care equipment

Refer to EPA website for EPA-registered disinfectants that have qualified under EPA's emerging viral pathogens program for use against SARS-CoV-2 at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

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